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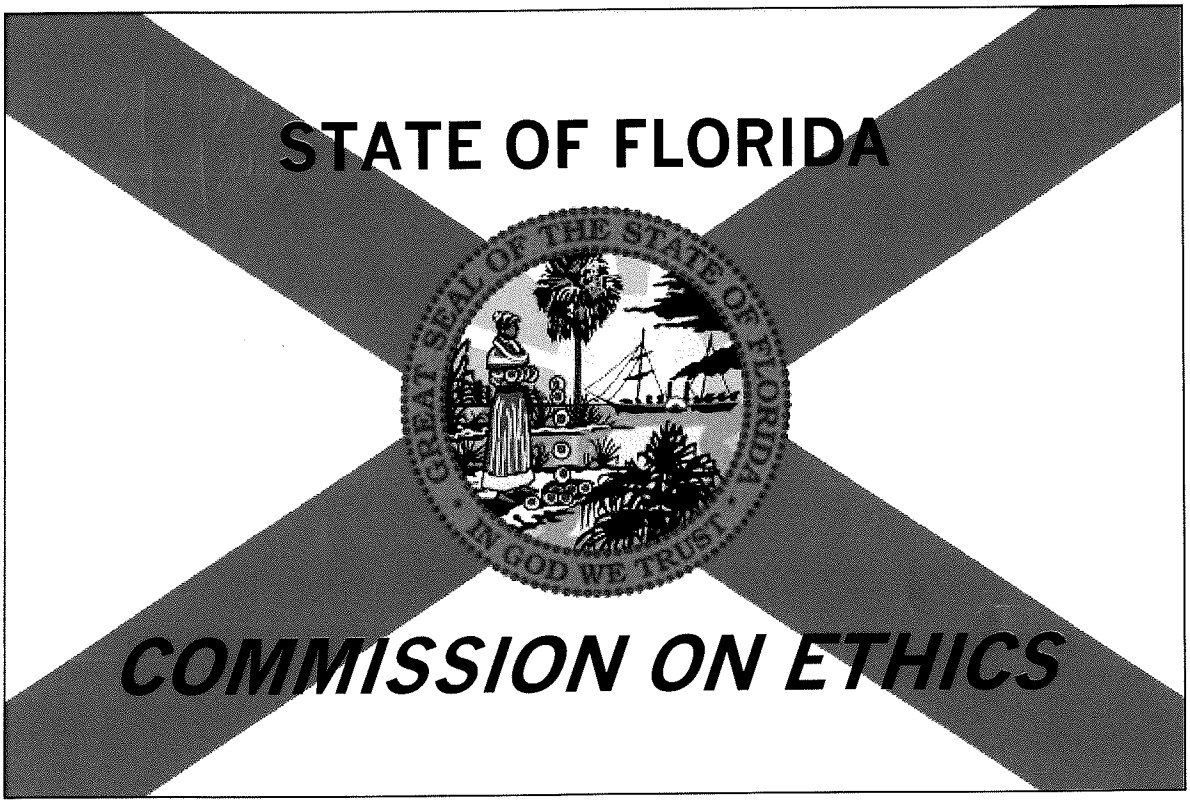

Complaint Number 25-101

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE: TONYA SCHUMACHER
Supervisor
Coquina Water Control District
Okeechobee, FL

COMPLAINT NO.: 25-101
Exhibits A through G

INVESTIGATED BY: _____
Brian Durham

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Respondent
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Releasing Authority: _____
Kerrie J. Stillman
Executive Director
August 11, 2025
Date

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(1) Ms. Jessica Dakin of Okeechobee, Florida, alleges that Ms. Schumacher, while serving as a Supervisor for the Coquina Water Control District in Okeechobee, Florida, violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

(2) The complaint alleges Respondent has a business relationship with a company called "Colonial Consultants & Notary Services, LLC [Colonial Consultants]," which allegedly provides her private security. The complaint alleges Respondent solicited a bid from Colonial Consultants to be the firm hired to conduct a forensic audit at the Coquina Water Control District (CWCD). The complaint alleges that although Respondent asked to be excluded from the motion to hire Colonial Consultants, Respondent ultimately signed the contract to hire Colonial Consultants and signed a check with another Supervisor to pay Colonial Consultants $18,000.

(3) The Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics noted that based upon the information provided in the complaint, the above-referenced allegations were sufficient to warrant a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Respondent's actions violated Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes (Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship).

(4) The Complainant advised she is a resident living in the CWCD. She said that, in September of 2024, the Respondent hired Colonial Consultants to send a cease-and-desist letter on her (Respondent's) behalf to the Complainant. Following her cease-and-desist letter, and during each CWCD Board meeting beginning in October 2024 and ending in March or April of 2025, the Respondent, she said, paid Colonial Consultants to be present with armed guards protecting her (Respondent) during the meetings. During the November 2024 CWCD Board meeting (Exhibit A), the Complainant said, the Respondent and the other Supervisors voted to hire a forensic accounting firm to audit the CWCD. Then, during the December 2024 CWCD Board meeting (Exhibit B), she said, the Respondent asked the other Supervisors if they had looked at the proposal submitted by Colonial Consultants for the forensic audit job. The Complainant stated that during the CWCD Board meeting in January 2025 (Exhibit C), Supervisor Sean Wilcox made a motion to hire Colonial Consultants for the forensic audit, which Supervisor Jeff Hubbard seconded. She advised that the Respondent stated she "could not vote because she has an open contract with them [Colonial Consultants]."

(5) Minutes obtained from the CWCD January 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting (Exhibit C, page 2) confirm that the Respondent "asked to be excluded from vote."

(6) The Complainant stated that, though the Respondent did not vote to hire Colonial Consultants during the January 2025 CWCD Board meeting, on January 28, 2025, she (Respondent) signed the "Investigative and Protective Service" contract (Exhibit D) to hire Colonial Consultants. She advised that on January 31, 2025, CWCD received an invoice (Exhibit E) from Colonial Consultants requesting $18,000 with the comment, "Sent per Tonya [Respondent]." Then, on February 20, 2025, she said, the Respondent signed an $18,000

check (Exhibit F) from CWCD as payment to Colonial Consultants for the aforementioned contract. The Complainant opined that it was inappropriate for the Respondent to sign the contract and check to hire Colonial Consultants because she recused herself from voting due to her personal contract with Colonial Consultants.

(7) Sean Wilcox, a CWCD Supervisor, stated that when CWCD wanted to hire a forensic accounting firm, the Respondent suggested that Colonial Consultants performed the type of investigative audit the Board was interested in conducting. Mr. Wilcox said that the Respondent indicated she knew one of the individuals working for the company. Prior to CWCD hiring Colonial Consultants, he said, the gentleman that the Respondent said she knew, left the employ of Colonial Consultants.

(8) Mr. Wilcox said that during the January 2025 CWCD Board meeting, he made the motion to hire Colonial Consultants and the Respondent recused herself from the vote due to her previous relationship with them. He said that he did not sign the contract to hire Colonial Consultants because he wanted to make sure Colonial Consultants would not be biased regarding the Respondent with the forensic audit report, because of her prior relationship with them and her prior employment with CWCD during the years being audited. Mr. Wilcox advised that he would have signed the contract himself after receiving clarification, but the other two Supervisors, Mr. Jeff Hubbard and the Respondent, had already signed it. He said he did not believe it was an issue for the Respondent to sign the contract and the check for Colonial Consultants because Colonial Consultants had already been approved by the Board to perform the forensic audit. Mr. Wilcox confirmed that he reached out to other accounting firms for bids on the forensic audit, but, in his opinion, his research indicated Colonial Consultants best fit the needs of CWCD, so he made the motion to hire them. He noted that his decision to hire Colonial Consultants was not influenced by the Respondent.

(9) Mr. Chris Vasconcellos, President and owner of Colonial Consultants, stated he formed the company in 2021. He confirmed that a prior business partner, Mr. Kevin Martin, and the Respondent knew each other when they were children and, at some point, reconnected online. Mr. Vasconcellos explained that, after Mr. Martin advertised he worked for a private investigations firm, the Respondent reached out to Mr. Martin and told him that CWCD was in search of a firm to perform a forensic audit. He stated that Colonial Consultants was hired by the Respondent in September of 2024 for a one-time service contract to assist her with writing a cease-and-desist letter to send to the Complainant for harassment. Mr. Vasconcellos said that the Respondent also hired Colonial Consultants to perform private security for her during the months of October, November, and December in 2024 (Exhibit G). Thereafter, he said, the CWCD hired Colonial Consultants in January 2025, and, in either February or March of 2025, the Respondent called him (Vasconcellos) and requested services for private security for herself during the CWCD Board meetings. Mr. Vasconcellos confirmed that he assigned two employees, but the private security was not required because local law enforcement was present. The Respondent, he noted, said she would pay for it, but, he said, "We [Colonial Consultants] just ate the cost for it [sending two employees to perform private security] and called it a wash."

(10) The Respondent stated that she was elected as a CWCD Supervisor in October of 2024. She recalled that in August and September of 2024, she was running for the open Supervisor position and was collecting proxies. She added that while speaking to people to gain their support, the Complainant began harassing and threatening her. She stated that she reached out to Mr. Martin and told him what she was experiencing, and he said he would get her in contact with Mr. Vasconcellos. She said Colonial Consultants then assisted her in preparing a cease-and-desist letter that she sent to the Complainant. In October of 2024, during the Landowner's meeting, the Respondent said, the vote for the new Supervisor was scheduled to take place, and, because Colonial Consultants helped her with the letter, she hired them for her personal security during that meeting for $40 per hour. When she and Colonial Consultants representatives arrived at CWCD, she said, she introduced both Mr. Vasconcellos and Mr. Martin to Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Wilcox and explained to them (Hubbard and Wilcox) that Mr. Vasconcellos and Mr. Martin were with Colonial Consultants and they would be providing security for her protection.

(11) In November 2024, the Respondent said, she was sworn-in as a new Supervisor for CWCD. She said that because she was still being harassed online by the Complainant and the Complainant's partner, David Law (a past CWCD Supervisor and who ran, unsuccessfully against the Respondent in October 2024), she hired Colonial Consultants to again provide personal security for her during the November CWCD Board meeting. During this meeting, the Respondent said, she, along with the other Supervisors, voted to move forward with a forensic audit of CWCD.

(12) The Respondent confirmed that in December 2024, she hired Colonial Consultants to serve as her personal security during the CWCD Board meeting. The Respondent advised that during the board meeting, she asked the other Supervisors if they had reviewed the bid Colonial Consultants provided to CWCD for the forensic audit. She stated that Mr. Wilcox said he wanted to research other firms and obtain proposals and compare prices before making any decisions. The Respondent maintains that she did not vote to hire Colonial Consultants during the December meeting and voted only to move forward with hiring a forensic audit firm they (the Board) all could agree on.

(13) Minutes obtained from CWCD (Exhibit B, page 6) reflect that the Respondent mentions Colonial Consultants as a firm that has submitted a bid for the forensic audit. However, though she did not recuse herself from participating in the vote during the December 2024 CWCD Board of Supervisors meeting, the vote for the forensic audit was just to move forward with selecting a firm they all could agree upon hiring to perform the audit.

(14) In January 2025, during the CWCD Board meeting, the Respondent said Mr. Wilcox made a motion to hire Colonial Consultants, which was seconded by Mr. Hubbard. The Respondent explained that she asked to be excused from the vote because of her previous involvement with Colonial Consultants. She confirmed that Mr. Vasconcellos was present during that meeting, but was there only to present his company's proposal and to provide answers to any questions the Board or the public may have had.

(15) The Respondent confirmed that she signed the contract with Colonial Consultants and signed the $18,000 check paying them for the audit. She said, "No one advised me that I shouldn't sign the contract or that I shouldn't sign the check. I was just doing my duties. Two Board members were needed to approve it, and Sean [Mr. Wilcox] does not approve anything." She opined that Mr. Wilcox "always has excuses" and his excuse as to why he did not sign the contract or the check for Colonial Consultants was because he had gone on a family vacation and Mr. Hubbard and the Respondent already signed the contract so his signature was not necessary for the approval of the contract or the check.

(16) The Respondent explained that the payment was initially processed through their accounting firm using Bill.com to process the payment. She said that CWCD's accountants send an approval document, similar to DocuSign, that two Supervisors must sign and then a check is sent to the vendor. The Respondent maintains Colonial Consultants' bank was unable to receive the payment in the form it was sent, so CWCD created a paper check that Mr. Hubbard and the Respondent both signed.

(17) The Respondent explained that, because the Complainant's harassment of her continued, she reached out to Mr. Vasconcellos for personal security during February's meeting. She stated that, though Colonial Consultants showed up to the meeting, they were not necessary because local law enforcement was present. The Respondent stated that she told Mr. Vasconcellos that she planned to pay for their services but he told her it was not necessary.

(18) Witnesses (Mr. Vasconcellos and the Respondent) testimony reflect that Respondent requested personal security services from Colonial Consultants on February 13, 2025, during the CWCD Board meeting. On February 13, 2025, the Respondent's agency, CWCD, was also under contract with Colonial Consultants.

Note: CWCD's $18,000 contract with Colonial Consultants included "protective services" (Exhibit D, page 3 and 18-19) and began January 28, 2025, and ends on or around February 1, 2026, unless extended further past the 365 day initial contract. Also note, that when Respondent requested private security in February 2025, she did not pay them for that service, but "protective services" were listed in the contract between CWCD and Colonial Consultants.

END OF REPORT OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

EXHIBIT A

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Pursuant to published notice, the Board of Coquina Water Control District held its meeting November 14, 2024, at the District Office located at 17429 NW 242nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Zoom teleconference was not available.

#1 - CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Supervisor Jeff Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#2 - ESTABLISH A QUORUM / ROLL CALL:

A Quorum was established with the following attendees: Supervisor Jeff Hubbard; Supervisor Sean Wilcox; Supervisor Tonya Schumacher; Superintendent Jimmy Fiset; and several Landowners/Attendees.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE & SEAT NEW BOARD MEMBERS:
Prior to the start of the meeting Kevin Martin, Vice President of Colonial Consultants issued the Oath of Office to re-elected Board Supervisor Sean Wilcox and newly elected Board Supervisor Tonya Schumacher.

Mr. Sean Wilcox, having been duly elected to the Board of Supervisors at the Landowners' Meeting held October 25, 2024, for a period of three (3) years and in accordance with Florida Statue 298.13, took the oath of office in the form and manner required by law. Herein Attached. Mr. Wilcox was appointed as Treasurer.

Mrs. Tonya Schumacher, having been duly elected to the Board of Supervisors at the Landowners' Meeting held October 25, 2024, for a period of one (1) year and in accordance with Florida Statue 298.13, took the oath of office in the form and manner required by law. Herein Attached. Mrs. Schumacher was appointed as Secretary.

#3 - APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Mr. Hubbard asked Mr. Wilcox if he had received the minutes from the September meeting. Mr. Wilcox responded "No". Superintendent Mr. Fiset asked Mr. Wilcox if he had sent them to him and his response was "No, Not that I know of".

- ➢ Mr. Fiset said he would send them.

#4 - LANDOWNER COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

Mr. Hubbard opened the floor for discussion:

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- ❖ Landowner David Law questioned where the lawyer (Seth Behn of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.) was? Mr. Hubbard stated he would not be at the meeting and Coquina will have to find a new attorney. Mr. Hubbard also stated that Coquina's attorney has been turned into the BAR so many times that it's not worth it to him to continue as Coquinas council.

  Mr. Wilcox stated the attorney would be with Coquina through the December meeting and that he also had a discussion with him about not being at every meeting due to cost. Coquina can reach out to him by phone or email and he'll respond after the fact. Coquinas attorney was originally hired to help get Coquina in order and the Board was not going to have him at meetings on a regular basis. Mr. Wilcox also stated that holds true for the new attorney.

- ❖ Mr. Law then asked if Coquina had hired a new attorney? Both Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Wilcox said "No".

- ❖ Landowner and school bus driver Ashley Ailes said she has called the county about the intersection of 3 mile and Peavine regarding the huge deep pothole and they keep referring her back to Coquina.
  - ➢ Superintendent Mr. Fiset said he will make the call tomorrow.

- ❖ Landowner Jeremiah Ailes asked if Mr. Fiset could come take a look at his road and shared his 76 year old aunt just had hip surgery and it's like going down a trail. Mr. Fiset told him he didn't forget and will take care of it.

#5 - REPORT FROM ENGINEER:

Coquina is currently looking for an engineer. Mr. Wilcox stated the Board wasn't happy with the work they were getting out of the current engineer (Gene Schriner of Craig A. Smith & Associates) and the fact that they gave him months to prove himself, which he did not. The Board sent out bid sheets to engineering firms and apparently the current engineer was offended. The Board learned that he was subcontracting from another engineer firm and doesn't believe Coquina was getting the best that Coquina could have gotten for that role. Mr. Wilcox also stated there was a bridge redesign that made zero sense and the current engineering firm was given the opportunity to bid, but they chose not to and he resigned.

- ➢ Mr. Wilcox will reach out to other firms and districts to see who they are using.
- ➢ Mr. Fiset will continue to reached out to Darren the Public Works Director of Okeechobee County.

#6 - REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR(S)/SUPERINTENDENT/OFFICE MANAGER:

Mr. Hubbard motion to terminate Office Manager Candice Lucas. Mr. Wilcox asked for some specifications on reason. Mr. Hubbard gave a few reasons including: not following direction, continuously receiving overtime pay after repeatedly being asked not to and contacting the attorney without the Boards authorization as per a previous motion set by

Mr. Hubbard due to the cost of the existing bills. Mr. Wilcox acknowledged the fact that Mr. Hubbard has voiced his concerns in the past and doesn't have a problem terminating anyone based on their performance.

MOTION: Mr. Hubbard motioned to terminate Office Manager Mrs. Candice Lucas. Seconded by Mrs. Schumacher. Motion carried.

Mr. Hubbard motion to put an ad in the newspaper for an attorney, secretary, and engineer.

- Mr. Wilcox said he would do research on engineers and attorneys.
- Mrs. Schumacher and Mr. Hubbard will take on the task of interviewing candidates for the office position.

Mrs. Schumacher suggested moving the monthly meetings to during the day to keep cost down. Mr. Wilcox discussed reasons why he is opposed to this change: Mainly due to his work schedule and the work schedule of others. After listening to Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Hubbard is in agreement to leave the meeting time as is to give residence the opportunity to attend the meetings.

Mr. Hubbard asked the other two Board members if they would be willing to help Mr. Fiset until the office position is filled. Mrs. Schumacher suggested transferring the telephone to her in order to help Mr. Fiset while looking for an assistant. This would be at no cost to Coquina. However, Mr. Fiset prefers the phone calls come to him.

Mr. Fiset stated he is looking into a new agent with Verizon regarding a phone that can be transferred and still stay in the office along with tracking devices for all vehicles.

Mr. Hubbard made a motion that before anything leaves the office all three (3) Board members need to know. Mr. Wilcox also requested all three (3) Board members be notified.

Superintendent Mr. Fiset gave his progress report. Herein attached. Mr. Wilcox asked how many days it take to grade the entire Prairie without any breaks. Mr. Fiset said it takes 6.33. So without breaks and weather nobody should have to wait more than 7 or 8 days between their road being done and then redone. Mr. Hubbard stated it has been four (4) weeks since 176 and 3 mile had been done and it was so bad that someone brought their bobcat and started scraping the road. After discussion, Mr. Fiset said things are getting better and it just takes time. He also stated they have made huge progress on canal C even with blocked access. Mrs. Schumacher informed Mr. Fiset there should be a standard letter in the computer that gets mailed to landowners when Coquina has to access their property and proper procedure is to notify owners before entering their property.

Mr. Wilcox said him and Mr. Fiset have been talking to someone that would lease a grader to Coquina and they are getting prices for the December meeting.

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Mr. Hubbard asked Mr. Fiset if he had put together any figures regarding the shell rock offer from Mr. Lightsey. Mr. Fiset said it's $60.00 to $70.00 per load (material only) and wants to proceed with it. However, the material can only be used on one (1) mile due to permit issues. This is an ongoing issue that will need to be readdressed.

Mr. Hubbard asked if core boring reports were found and according to Mr. Fiset only estimates were found. Mr. Wilcox stated the previous Superintendent eluded that core boring was done. David Law said he's not positive if the core boring was done when the land was bought and seems to think the previous Board already knew where the vein was based on the engineer at that time. He also stated there is a huge vein of shell rock about 450' wide by about 35' down because he was out there every day when it was getting dug.

- ❖ An audience attendee questioned the legal ramifications of getting the shell rock once Coquina crosses his gate? Mr. Wilcox informed the gentleman that was one of the Boards concerns and Mr. Hubbard had asked Coquina's attorney to look into it.
  - ➢ Mr. Fiset will contact the attorney regarding this matter.

#7 - OLD BUSINESS:

STOP SIGNS: Mr. Schumacher reminded the Board they do not own the roads and the stop signs need to be removed and by putting them up it makes every landowner responsible and presented documentation from the Attorney Generals website. After discussion Mr. Wilcox said against his better judgement Coquina will pull up every stop sign and store them until he has definitive information from the Governor himself.

MOTION: Mr. Wilcox motioned to remove the stop signs. Seconded by Mr. Hubbard. Motion carried.

#8 - NEW BUSINESS:

I.T. FIRM (Information Technology): Mr. Hubbard made a motion to hire an outside firm.

MOTION: Above motion carried unanimously.

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING FIRM: Mr. Hubbard made a motion to hire an investigator to come in and investigate previous actions of Coquina. Mr. Wilcox said he was going to make a similar motion to hire a forensic accountant and would supply the Board with a few bids. Mr. Wilcox would like the forensic accountant to start with the first year he and Mr. Hubbard were in office (10/2023 – 09/2024) for full transparency and go back about five (5) years. The Board feels this is necessary for the integrity of Coquina and to determine if there was a misappropriation of funds.

MOTION: Above motion carried unanimously depending on cost and budget.

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#9 - REPORT FROM ACCOUNTANT: Not in attendance.

Mr. Hubbard reminded the Board that the budget will be due again soon. Mr. Wilcox said any increases or changes will need to be done by June 2025 and completed by September 2025.

#10 - REPORT FROM ATTORNEY: Not in attendance.

#11 - SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING
Thursday, December 12, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

#12 ADJOURNED: 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jeff Hubbard, Chairman

DISCLOSURE: THE FOLLOWING MINUTES WERE DERIVED FROM MY PERSONAL RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.

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EXHIBIT B

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2024

Pursuant to published notice, the Board of Coquina Water Control District held its meeting December 12, 2024, at the District Office located at 17429 NW 242nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Zoom teleconference was not available.

#1 - CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Supervisor Jeff Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

#2 - ESTABLISH A QUORUM / ROLL CALL:

A Quorum was established with the following attendees: Supervisor Jeff Hubbard; Supervisor Sean Wilcox; Supervisor Tonya Schumacher; Superintendent Jimmy Fiset and several Landowners/Attendees.

#3 - APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Mr. Hubbard asked if everyone received the November minutes and if they were ok with them. Mr. Wilcox and Mrs. Schumacher both said they received the minutes and were ok with them. November minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Hubbard questioned Mr. Fiset if he had found the August & September minutes. Mr. Fiset responded that he had not. Mr. Hubbard stated he had the recordings and asked if he should prepare them too. Mr. Fiset said yes. Mr. Wilcox asked Mr. Fiset why the minutes were missing. Mr. Fiset stated he had no idea.

Mr. Hubbard said he forgot to mention that he did not ask Mrs. Lucas to remove the minutes (from the website). He asked her to put his minutes up with hers (on the website) so the landowners could see both minutes. Mr. Hubbard said he did not change anything and that he went by the recordings word for word of what was said. Nothing was thrown in there from any individual whatsoever and that's why he wanted both sets of minutes on the website. He wanted everyone to be able to look them over and see for themselves the correct minutes. Mr. Hubbard said he could not approve the previous minutes because the way they were written, he wanted them to be written as it was said by the person who said it. Moving forward whoever prepares the minutes should sign their name at the bottom and state the facts as he did. He then asked what the holdup is with the August & September minutes because he still hasn't received them.

Mr. Wilcox asked if Mrs. Lucas was supposed to have done them to which Mr. Hubbard said yes. Mr. Wilcox stated that didn't make since, he knows she didn't do them well but she did do them. He asked Mr. Fiset if he thought they were deleted to which he stated

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he did not think they were deleted. Mr. Wilcox said Mrs. Lucas would have done them knowing she was coming to the meeting. He said they had to be done at one point because he remembers reading over them, he knows he seen them. Mr. Hubbard said he did not get them. Mr. Fiset said he dug around the next day and the following day searching emails and things then he would get side tracked with something else to do. Mr. Hubbard pointed out the missing minutes happened on Mr. Fisets watch because he knew Mr. Fiset had been helping Mr. Lucas with the minutes.

#4 - LANDOWNER COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

Mr. Hubbard opened the floor for discussion:

Landowner Ashley Ailes inquired about Zoom meetings. Mr. Hubbard said Coquina will resume Zoom one day but not right now. Mrs. Schumacher stated the Zoom issue is part of the internet issue.

Landowner Moe David asked who's responsibility it is, if not the Board, to make sure the minutes are recorded? Is it the Supervisor or is it the Board, because he knows Mr. Hubbard has been thrown under the bus. Mr. Wilcox said the responsibility falls on the Office Administrator at that time, it's part of their job description. He knows Mr. Fiset was helping Mrs. Lucas because she was struggling, but it's not like her to have not done them at all. He knows Mr. Hubbard was not happy with the quality of them, which is a different problem obviously, but she was doing them and he doesn't understand why they are missing. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone that Mrs. Lucas was asked multiple times to get the minutes to the Board two weeks ahead of time and that never happened. Mr. Wilcox agreed. Mr. Hubbard noted that when she did start doing them they were written incorrectly and not what people were saying that he could not approve them. Mr. Hubbard wanted to have Mrs. Lucas's version along with the ones he written because he had the Zoom recordings plus his recordings and his minutes are exactly written as what was said. A short conversation followed as to what minutes are missing. Both Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Hubbard stated the minutes take a while to prepare especially if done correctly. Mr. Hubbard wants to stay in compliance but also wants the minutes recorded correctly and without the grammar issues.

#5 - REPORT FROM ENGINEER:

Mr. Wilcox reported that the engineers he talked to wanted nothing to do with Coquina because of what they had heard. Mr. Moe David asked to what aspect? Mr. Wilcox said if you talk to anyone outside of this area you are going to hear corruption and very unpleasant experiences with the individuals they had to deal with, weather that's true or not, that's just their experiences and what they are voicing so it's not great and hopes Coquina can change that over time.

Mrs. Schumacher placed an ad on Indeed for the administration position and when she did, she found out that the engineer position, that had been open for two months prior, was not placed in the newspaper or put on Indeed. The only thing that happened was

Mr. Behn sent out an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to Mr. Fiset and it died there. So she instructed Mr. Fiset to reach out to Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Wilcox to get authorization to put the ad in the paper. She contacted nine engineers and sent the RFQ to them directly. She had a response back from six of them. Most of the issues are due to the distance and that the meetings are at night, if they had to be here they don't want to come at night. She reached out to Mr. Schnider and he is willing to come back on two conditions: (1) Coquina hires a qualified superintendent (2) The meetings are moved to during the day. Mr. Wilcox stated he did not want Mr. Schnider back and the reason Coquina got rid of Mr. Schnider was because they were not happy with his work so we would be going backwards. Mrs. Schumacher noted that Mr. Schnider was having open heart surgery when that was happening. Mr. Wilcox reminded Mrs. Schumacher that she was not there for a year or at the meetings for a year and that he waited six months before making any decision. He did not make a split decision on this and it was not based on Mr. Schnider's health, it was the repeated request to have stuff brought in and repeated request for him to meet with South Florida Water Management to get the answers Coquina needed. Month after month after month of making these requests nothing was getting accomplished, there would be some excuse the next time and the next time. Mr. Wilcox's decision to put out the RFQ was based on that. Mr. Schnider wasn't fired, he resigned. Mr. Schnider was pissed-off when he found out that Coquina was putting out the RFQ but it was made perfectly clear that his firm could submit the RFQ as well. Mr. Wilcox stated he was not happy with Mr. Schnider's work product so to hire him back doesn't make since to him.

Mrs. Schumacher stated she heard back from Stephen Dobbs in town, she emailed information to Mr. Fiset and asked him to print it for everyone to look over it. She would like everyone to look it over and get back to Mr. Fiset so Coquina can get moving on this because it already sat for two months.

Mr. Fiset wanted to clear something up about the RFQ: He stated they were controlled through Mr. Behn and he was simply the recipient of the submittals of the RFQ's, that he was only supposed to review them and so it didn't die in his lap. Mr. Wilcox asked Mrs. Schumacher how she got that impression? Mrs. Schumacher said she was under that impression after talking to Mr. Behn. Mr. Behn told her he sent it out and sent it to Mr. Fiset to put online but that never happened. Mrs. Schumacher stated that nothing moved forward for two and a half months and that in twenty-two days she contacted nine people, she received two responses with a yes and six that didn't want to come to Coquina.

Mr. Wilcox was adamant that the engineer doesn't need to come to the meetings, they need to submit a report and if Coquina has any questions the Board could ask the Superintendent to verify, Coquina doesn't need to pay for an engineer to be sitting here. Mrs. Schumacher reminded Mr. Wilcox that the District operates off the control of an engineer so an engineer needs to be present.

Mr. Hubbard asked Mr. Fiset if he reached out to Darren at Public Works. Mr. Fiset reported that Darren will look around for an engineer and get back to him.

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Mr. Fiset stated he didn't have an overall issue with Mr. Schnider, he simply asked questions that Mr. Schnider couldn't answer and he felt they were simple questions. He felt Mr. Schnider's deminer and attitude toward Coquina was very lax.

#6 REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR(S)/SUPERINTENDENT/OFFICE MANAGER:

Mr. Hubbard officially reported that the ethics report filed by Glanton Pyle was dismissed, that it was a bunch of lies along with all the stuff that was on Facebook. Just a bunch of lies and that's why he didn't comment on any of it, it was all a bunch of fairy tails. He had been waiting on one to come back because they threw so many at him. Mr. Wilcox inquired who made the reports? Mr. Hubbard stated Glanton Pyle, Christina Trojanowski, Candice Lucas, Joey Beratta, David Law and Jessica Dakin. Mrs. Schumacher stated the documents came from Coquina's computer.

Mr. Wilcox stated he also had an ethics complaint but they chose not to investigate it because it was such crap. He doesn't comment on the stuff on Facebook and has removed himself from most of the things where these individuals post. He thinks it's important that the landowners know that there is someone who didn't win the election and his girlfriend is going around calling code enforcement on people who voted on proxies for other people. So this is the individuals we are dealing with and wanted to correct something he said at the last meeting. He said when he was talking about doing the audit he was doing it because he was being kicked in the teeth and he did that on purpose and she (Jessica Dakin) tried to use that against him. He explained he wanted the audit because he doesn't want that individual to ever be able to run for the Board again and that's the only way he could do that. He was willing to let it go so we could move on and make things better, but it kept running, and he lives out here, so the audit is the only way to prove malfeasant was done. So it's not about him being kicked in the teeth it's about him looking out for the community he lives in. He's a servant leader and that's how he looks at it. He doesn't feel that that individual should ever be allowed to run for the Board again and he feels that if he can prove the stuff he believes is true, then he (David Law) won't be, so that's why he is trying to move forward with the audit, not because he was kicked in the teeth.

Landowner Moe David asked where they were getting all the documents? A discussion followed regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

- Mr. Wilcox acknowledged that some documents on social media were provided by either an office employee or another Board member.
- Mr. Fiset admitted he relinquished documents without redacting Mr. Hubbard's signature, those documents were posted on social media. Mr. Hubbard questioned why Mr. Fiset did not admit to giving out documents showing his signature when asked. Mr. Fiset said he learned from his mistake.
- Mr. Fiset confirmed he distributed documents that were not properly redacted, allowing Mrs. Schumacher's full Social Security Number to show through, those documents were posted on social media.

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- Mrs. Schumacher discussed Mr. Fiset's handling of a recent FOIA request concerning the hiring of a private security team and the allocation of payment responsibilities. Ultimately, Mrs. Schumacher was accountable for these matters.
- Mr. Fiset admitted to witnessing previous Board member Christina Trojanouski taking pictures of Coquina documents that were posted on social media.
- Both Mr. Hubbard & Mr. Wilcox noted that Jessica Dakin along with David Law has cost the taxpayers over Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00). Additionally, due to her constant harassment of Coquina's previous attorney, Seth Behn of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., he was compelled to resign.

The Board openly discussed who should have access to the master set of keys, the cleanliness of the office, and the culverts in Joey Beratta's backyard.

Superintendent Mr. Fiset reported the following: Completed canal clearing on canal C & 242 North to the concrete weir on the West side, 242 to 3 Mile East side is complete, starting on canal E up to 3 mile on East and West side. Mr. Hubbard requested Mr. Fiset to present his future reports in writing so they can be uploaded to Coquina's website to keep the landowners up to date.

➢ Mr. Fiset will provide written reports moving forward.

#7 - OLD BUSINESS:

Grader Lease: Mr. Fiset will continue checking on pricing and details.

MOTION: Mr. Wilcox motioned to purchase a fuel monitoring system. Seconded by Mr. Hubbard. Motion carried.

Office Manager: Mrs. Schumacher conducted several interviews, and she feels Brandon Mills would be the best fit. She would like to start him off at $18.50 per hour. He has 15 years in the military and brings a lot of I.T. experience with him.

MOTION: Mrs. Schumacher motioned to hire Mr. Mills as the new Office Manager at the rate of $18.50 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Accountant: Mrs. Schumacher reached out to the accountant at Spring Lake who has 20 years of experience with special districts and government entities. Mr. Wilcox expressed his opinion about bringing all the accounting in house. Mrs. Schumacher would like the accountant to continue payroll due to FRS and insurance regulations. This will need further discussion. Coquina's deadline for hiring a new accountant is January 15, 2025.

Verizon Bills: Mrs. Schumacher brought up that the old Verizon accounts that were supposed to be deactivated were never actually deactivated. She also found out that we are authorized to utilize the Verizon's Government plan.

➢ Mrs. Schumacher will precede in switching to a government plan.

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Mr. Hubbard told Mr. Fiset he was hoping to come to this meeting and have some answers on how many culverts are needed and what equipment is needed to get started? Mr. Fiset explained it's a process, they still have to clean it and then come in with the forestry head. Mr. Hubbard has repeatedly asked Mr. Fiset what is needed and so far nothing has been provided.

- ➢ Mr. Fiset will provide a list of materials needed at the next meeting.

Attorney:
Mrs. Schumacher reached out to Scott Fitzpatrick to continue as legal counsel. Mr. Wilcox is opposed to him representing Coquina due to past experiences. Mrs. Schumacher called Mr. Fitzpatrick to discuss his interest in coming back and representing the District. After discussion, the following motion was passed.

MOTION: Mr. Hubbard motioned to reinstate Attorney Mr. Fitzpatrick as council. Seconded by Mrs. Schumacher. Motion carried.

Forensic Audit: Mrs. Schumacher asked the Board if they reviewed the proposal sent to them two months ago from Colonial Consultants? Both Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Hubbard said they had. Mr. Wilcox stated he had someone that was interested in giving a proposal and would like to do his due diligence and get another quote. He also said the Board would have to look at the budget before determining anything. The Board would like their first year in office audited for transparency followed by the preceding two years, with additional years to be added if needed.

- ➢ Mr. Wilcox will provide information on an additional forensic firm.

MOTION: Mr. Wilcox motioned to move forward with hiring a forensic firm if the Board can agree on the same one, by communication with Mr. Fiset, before the next Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hubbard. Motion carried.

#8 - NEW BUSINESS:

Observations of Superintendent James Fiset per Mrs. Schumacher:

- She addressed the issue of Coquina emails and the fact that even though Mrs. Lucas was put on administrative leave October 10, 2024 and was terminated on November 14, 2024 incoming emails were automatically sent a reply to contact Mrs. Lucas on her personal cell phone number.
- She addressed the issue that Mr. Fiset and Mr. Schnider had a few confrontations regarding the needs of Coquina.
- She discovered some discrepancies on Mr. Fiset's employment application as far as his qualifications and previous employment.

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- She feels Mr. Fiset did not follow proper instructions for fulfilling the FOIA as directed by Mr. Behn, including the failure to charge individuals for their request.
- She addressed the issue of Mr. Fiset constantly being in the office and not in the field directing employees.
- She addressed the issue of a fence post that was knocked down and not informing all the Board members.
- She addressed the office building repairs that have not been completed.

After the above discussions Mr. Hubbard suggested putting Mr. Fiset on 90-days probation due to the issues stated above. He doesn't want to see him go he just wants to get the work completed. Mr. Wilcox told Mrs. Schumacher to place an ad for a Superintendent to have on file in the event Mr. Fiset leaves, this way Coquina is not without a Superintendent.

➢ Mrs. Schumacher will place an ad as directed.

Kenworth Equipment: Mrs. Schumacher reported that as of November 15, 2024, Kenworth will no longer perform repairs on engines if we do not have the maintenance repairs on record with them or could provide paperwork regarding inhouse service records. She suggested that Mr. Hubbard and/or Mr. Wilcox call the Kenworth dealer to verify their warranty policy.

➢ Mr. Hubbard and/or Mr. Wilcox will contact the dealer as stated.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon: Mrs. Schumacher proposed she would like to cater and fund an employee appreciation luncheon for all the employees and the Board members including spouses. She suggested Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 12 o'clock. Board was in agreement.

➢ Mrs. Schumacher will proceed with the luncheon.

Hold Harmless Agreement – Shellrock Material: Mr. Hubbard questioned where Mr. Fiset got the agreement? Mr. Wilcox reported he spoke with Lee Lightsey and wants the best deal for Coquina residence. Coquina will do his road first, which was the deal all along and at the very least Coquina will get 30 extra trucks of fill, possibly more. The only thing he asked Jimmy to do is write the owners regarding the width of the road in question. Mrs. Schumacher expressed her concerns that once we receive the material and shellrock 1 mile they will try and pave the road. She mentioned after every election they come in and try the same thing and that a permit would not be required. She also suggested watching the past videos to hear the entire conversations.

➢ Mr. Fiset will contact the owner about the width of the road in question.

CWCD Owned Property: Mrs. Schumacher asked Mr. Fiset to email Wicks & Brown and instruct them to remove their name from all Coquina owned property.

➢ Mr. Fiset will email Mrs. Williams regarding the above.

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Equipment/Shop Cleaning: Mr. Hubbard would like to purchase a pressure washer to clean the equipment & building and a parts shelf for the shop. He has seen a bunch of dirty equipment and that is unacceptable. Mr. Wilcox agreed.

MOTION: Mr. Hubbard motioned to purchase a pressure washer and a parts shelf. Seconded by Mr. Wilcox. Motion carried.

Bank Request: Mrs. Schumacher reminded the Board that the bank needs updated minutes to add Mr. Wilcox and Mrs. Schumacher as signers on the accounts.

MOTION: Mr. Hubbard motioned to add Tonya Schumacher and Sean Wilcox as signers on the accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

Securing Front Office: Mr. Hubbard would like the front office secured during the monthly meetings. Board was in agreement.

- Mr. Fiset will see to this.

Moving the time of Meetings: Mrs. Schumacher suggested moving the meetings to during the day. Mr. Wilcox is adamant about not changing the time due to the fact that landowners can't attend.

#9 - REPORT FROM ACCOUNTANT:

- Mr. Fiset will request the safety deposit keys and all credit cards from the accountant.

#10 - REPORT FROM ATTORNEY: Not in attendance.

#11 - SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, January 9, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

#12 ADJOURNED: 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jeff Hubbard, Chairman

DISCLOSURE: THE FOLLOWING MINUTES WERE DERIVED FROM MY PERSONAL RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.

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EXHIBIT C

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COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD ON JANUARY 09, 2025.

Pursuant to published notice, the Board of Coquina Water Control District held its meeting January 09, 2025, at the District Field Office located at 17429 NW 242nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

#1 - CALL TO ORDER:
Supervisor and Board Treasurer, Sean Wilcox, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2 - ESTABLISH A QUORUM / ROLL CALL:
A quorum was established with the following attendees:
Board Treasurer and Supervisor, Sean Wilcox
Secretary and Supervisor, Tonya Schumacher
Office Manager and Acting Superintendent, Brandon Mills
Chairman and Supervisor, Jeff Hubbard attended via telephone.

#3 - APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Previous minutes not available at this time. Will be available at next board meeting:

#4 - LANDOWNER COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

Landowner asked about potentially coming to an agreement to use their Shell Rock to fix 256 and then use remaining shell rock around Coquina's AO. More to discuss in future.

Landowner stated AJ should be compensated for doing a great job overall.

#5 - REPORT FROM ENGINEER:
The engineer was not present.

#6 - REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT:
The superintendent was not present

#7 OLD BUSINESS:

Internet is fixed and Camera's are fixed

Most of the insurance issues had been addressed except the walkthrough.

- Brandon to schedule walkthrough with EGIS.

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#8 - NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Schumacher proposed the possibility of hiring a part time superintendent.

- Board to look at possibility of hiring a part time superintendent

Motion to look for sub-contraction superintendent, made by Secretary and Supervisor, Tonya Schumacher. Seconded by Board Treasurer and Supervisor, Sean Wilcox. Motion passed unanimously.

Coquina is moving forward with hiring CLA as the accounting firm. Need to ensure that all accounting software is purchased with Coquina funds and the licenses are Coquina's.

Motion to sub-contract 2-mile and D Canal Bridge work and C Canal reconstruction, made by Secretary and Supervisor, Tonya Schumacher. Seconded by Board Treasurer and Supervisor, Sean Wilcox. Motion passed unanimously.

Material / Dirt

Mrs. Schumacher asked if we had any material that we could use at the south pit. Conversation ensued. Board member, Sean Wilcox wanted to see the bore samples from north pit.

-Brandon to keep looking for bore samples.

Board members discussed potential pay recommendations for mechanic job. Sean Wilcox wants to put together how much an offer would be with all benefits added to hourly wage.

Motion to give Brandon Mills a $1 raise for good performance, made by Secretary and Supervisor, Tonya Schumacher. Seconded by Board Treasurer and Supervisor, Sean Wilcox. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to give AJ Gilliard a raise to $22 an hour, made by Board Treasurer and Supervisor, Sean Wilcox. Seconded by Chairman and Supervisor, Jeff Hubbard. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Colonial Consultants, forensic accountants, made by Board Treasurer and Supervisor, Sean Wilcox. Seconded by Chairman and Supervisor, Jeff Hubbard. Motion carried. Board Secretary and Supervisor, Tonya Schumacher, asked to be excluded from vote.

#9 - REPORT FROM ACCOUNTANT: Not in attendance.

#10 - REPORT FROM ATTORNEY: Not in attendance.

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#11 - SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING
Thursday, February 13, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

#12 ADJOURNED:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jeff Hubbard, Chairman and Supervisor

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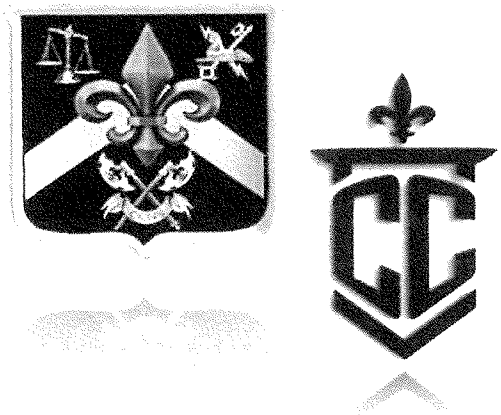

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To: Coquina Water Control District Board Of Supervisors Date: 01/12/2025

From: Chris J Vasconcellos CPP, President
Colonial Consultants

Subject: Service Contract for Review & Memo Briefing You On Criminal Investigations.

Good Morning,

Please see attached Investigative Services Contract Package for review and execution. Due to the repeated escalation in harassment, threats and general disturbing behavior exhibited by the primary targets of the investigation & their associates, typically directed at the Board, its individual members, supporters, to include my Agency & Personnel already; protective service costs that were mentioned in our proposal have been factored into the contract because of a genuine concern for the safety & wellbeing of all concerned.

A need for significant active threat mitigation operations in a general criminal investigation, seemingly directed at suspected white collar crimes, while not unheard of, is exceedingly rare. A majority of my career as a criminal investigator was spent disrupting major threats to critical infrastructure, government officials as well as other brazen crimes that were categorically acts of domestic terrorism. My colleagues and I would designate these as a "Protective Threat Investigation"; where, in short, the necessity for personnel assigned to my operations be both skilled criminal investigators but also expert protective agents & physical security gurus; if our investigation was realized by the targets their resolve to strike out against the innocent populus as well as a those who were standing in their way using unspeakable violence while most other offenders overwhelmingly chose to flee law enforcement and discontinue plots to evade us. I am not insinuating that our gaggle of suspects are murderous terrorists but their actions indicate that they're becoming exceedingly desperate and from what I have observed, their decisions now almost always have a tendency to be irrational with no consideration given to the ramifications. Based on the totality of the circumstances our investigative approach will follow a similar model to a "Protective Threat Investigation", I strenuously insist that the implementation of a significant protective countermeasure to mitigate threats against the Board Members and Key District personnel be initiated at the onset of the investigation.

It is likely that our arrival will propagate more significant aggression from the targets & whenever it becomes apparent to them that we're collecting significant probable cause that crimes were committed but also reveal ongoing conspiracies to conceal the initial wrongdoing, I believe will exacerbate their actions.

Since the District's role can likely fall under "critical infrastructure" it's very likely that I can assist your finance/grant writer in pushing requests up to DHS or the State to get the costs associated with protection of personnel and assets reimbursed.

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Our First Steps and What to Expect:

- Once given authorization to proceed a Specific Operations Order will be issued, contact will be made with local law enforcement and I will take necessary deconfliction steps with the Florida Fusion Center; which is a way to ensure that we do not stumble our way into an ongoing Criminal Investigation and it also lets Federal/State/Local Law Enforcement investigating matters with a nexus to our case that we're there so everyone can cooperate.
- A threat assessment will be conducted based upon information available to us from State/Federal criminal intelligence networks, database queries, known intelligence & active Open Source Threat Monitoring will be initiated for the duration of the operation – This is a real-time AI program that actively monitors social media, dark web feeds and other internet-based communications platforms for information about our targets, references to our investigation, specific addresses and key words. These communications may be utilized to prevent any direct violence & will be logged as evidence.
- Our Executive Protection Team Leader, Sam Krug, and I will come out so we can get the lay of land without attracting attention & get things set for the team to proceed (within 12 hours of our arrival). We will set up our operations center at a location that has been offered by one of the board members.
- Sam will brief all those under protection, we'll provide them with access to contact us via a cellular based radio network, a channel will be dedicated specifically for Protectees to contact the teams, a panic button and GPS location feature is programmed and it is also monitored 24/7 by our main communications center as well as the temporary operations center. This team is comprised of plain clothes protection agents, licensed as Armed Security Officers and Private Investigators.
- Our Investigators will begin to scour the district collecting information:
    - Our Cyber Investigator will search all district servers, computers and other electronic media for traces of wrongdoing or suspicious activity.
    - A list of all district property that cannot be accounted for will be investigated, vehicles without the current board's authority will be registered as stolen in the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (DOJ) – we will marshal our partner agencies and intelligence network resources, that span the globe, in an active hunt for these assets; if located, we will interview
    - persons in possession or associated with the property in order to clearly identify all parties involved in any transactions.
    - Investigators will be making individual contact with personnel that may have information on wrongdoing perpetrated by the targets, we will be collecting sworn affidavits from those willing to provide them
    - Surveillance will be initiated based on needs
    - A review of all financial information from the questionable time frame will be conducted by a financial crimes expert.
- The investigative team will meet on a regular basis in order to adequately interpret the evidence and observations obtained.

- I will meet with the District's designee frequently to convey the direction of the investigation and any key findings. An official synopsis will be provided after
- The US Attorney's Office has been consulted regarding my intentions and initial impressions of the situation out there, they have agreed to officially assign an AUSA upon notification that I have obtained sufficient probable cause that a crime was committed by our targets; the AUSA will be briefed frequently.
- As things progress we'll conduct threat assessment reviews, updating discovered information and recommend any protective strategies to mitigate risks/threats.
- An abbreviated Security Assessment will be conducted of District facilities to assess any vulnerabilities that our teams can mitigate or simply assist the District with securing their facilities best.
- Uniformed Protective Security Officers (PSO) may be placed during meetings or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Crime Prevention and Active Threat Mitigation for the Workplace Training, from our on-site team, will be offered to all District personnel and their families.

Requests for Immediate Action Items From the District

- Appoint a trusted single point of contact from the District to receive regular progress reports and sensitive information discovered during the investigation; this person will also assist the team with basic familiarization within the District, facilitate access to facilities, provide access to physical property as well as digital access for the cyber team.
- If the District currently has security video surveillance in place at facilities with remote monitoring capabilities we will need access to the monitoring feeds.
- Immediately secure laptops, cellular devices and any other electronic device that may record, transmit or receive information that had been issued to the Targets and place them in a location that the targets will not be able to access. Ensure they are powered down, if connected to a LAN cable, disconnect it, remove all power supplies (cell phone batteries should be taken out). We should assume that the general storage areas at the district can be accessed by the targets or associates. If need be I will travel out to secure them in our office safe, in faraday bags. If a safe location is provided by a district official please ensure that I can take physical possession of them upon arrival.
- Restrict physical and online access to server; when my Cyber Investigator arrives he will need physical access to it and an administrative login for district programs, servers, clouds and so forth.
- Assemble financial information, documents and files for us to review.
- We will need access to District Facilities, electronic access control cards, codes or keys.
- Compile a list of any pertinent information you believe that we should know or that may assist the investigation
- Provide an inventory list of all property that the district is responsible for.

- Losses of materials or things that appear to have been purchased and not used for official District projects should be noted.

Beginning immediately I am the point of contact for all matters involving the District; all of my contact information is listed below, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime with questions, concerns or to discuss any contract, financial or procedural issues/authorizations. Upon receipt of a signed contract/limited POA & retainer I will issue a warning order for our personnel and assets to prepare for deployment to your area. I have also attached Key Personnel Bios to this memorandum for your convenience.

Thank you for selecting Colonial Consultants to assist you in this matter, we look forward to assisting in the expedient resolution to the issues currently hindering your organization; I believe that you will find the comprehensive services, deliverables received & our personnel providing them during this operation to be of the highest quality and it is my hope that Colonial Consultants will be the Districts trusted partner to ensure the Safety and Security of the District and it's Personnel moving forward.

Respectfully,

Chris J Vasconcellos,
Board Certified Protection Professional (CPP)
President & Chief Threat Risk Manager
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OPERATIONAL KEY PERSONNEL RESUMES

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CHRIS VASCONCELLOS CPP
Incident Commander/Supervisory Criminal Investigator

Risk-Management Strategist / Security Leader

Security and risk-management expert with numerous accomplishments leading the investigation, analysis, and assessment of risk and the design and implementation of strategies and processes that mitigate threats to the successful delivery of organization's corporate and business plans. Excel in creating consistent and high-level risk mitigating practices across all organization components. Possess key strengths in training, leading, and motivating teams to deploy high standards of service excellence and adherence to preventive protocols. Adept in security and risk management policies, standards, laws, regulations, and practices. Able to provide expert advice and contribute to decision making.

- Strategic Planning & Execution
- Risk Management / Risk Control
- Team Building & Leadership
- Threat Mitigation
- Law Enforcement
- Risk Assessment / Data Analysis
- Safety & Regulatory Compliance
- Client Consulting & Advising
- Property & Infrastructure Protection

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colonial Consultants & Colonial Protective Services | Fort Myers, FL
Owner Operator/Agency Principal (2/2019 to Present)

Counsel private businesses and corporate organizations on security and risk management best practices, security policy development, and security emergencies. Perform assessments, conduct surveys, and ensure maintenance of security standards, driving focus on threat mitigation and prevention. Lead organization response to evolving security environment. Oversee the identification, selection, and management of outsourced security services. Investigate threats made against clients, employee misconduct and other violations which impact the security posture of my clients. Provide notary services with title organizations, mortgage companies, and vendors. Created, developed and oversee a specialty uniformed Protective Security Officer & Investigative program implemented for the Diocese of Venice Schools and Churches, managing security operations for Parishes as far south as Naples up to Venice, FL.

Selected Contributions:

- **Lauded for promoting an understanding of security and risk management** as an essential element that underpins organizations' core business functions, earning recognition as "Best in Florida" consulting firm in 2022 & 2023.
- **Successfully developed and designed training programs for security personnel;** trained and certified individuals in the use of lethal and non-lethal weapons

Covenant Security Solutions | Visalia, CA
Chief Operations Officer (5/2023 to 08/2024)

Co-lead performance management and change initiatives within the organization to ensure excellence in delivery of security operations for high-end residences across southern California. Deploy expertise in security

management, crisis response, and organization development to create strategic plans for external security operations and internal organization performance.

Selected Contributions:

- Co-Founded the Corporation with two other owners and personally created a significant portion of the organizations infrastructure, policy/procedures.

Allied Veteran Protective Programs Network (AVPPN) | Ft Myers, FL

Chief Executive Officer & Founder (10/2023 - Current) – Nonprofit Charity Organization

Founded, established and serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, collaboratively with the Board of Directors in leading the transformation of AVPPN Nonprofit from its current stage to a more mature organization capable of delivering on its long term vision. Specifically, I ensure that AVPPN Nonprofit's fiscal, operations, fundraising, marketing, human resource, technology, and programmatic strategies are effectively implemented across all segments of the organization.

Strategic vision and leadership

- Collaborate with the founder and the board to refine and implement the strategic plan while ensuring that the budget, staff, and priorities are aligned with AVPPN Nonprofit's core mission.
- Provide inspirational leadership and direction to all executives, and ensure the continued development and management of a professional and efficient organization; establish effective decision-making processes that will enable AVPPN Nonprofit to achieve its long- and short-term goals and objectives.
- Cultivate a strong and transparent working relationship with the Board and ensure open communication about the measurement of financial, programmatic, and impact performance against stated milestones and goals.
- Help build a diverse and inclusive Board representative of the community that is highly engaged and willing to leverage and secure resources.

Development

- Ensure that the flow of funds permits AVPPN Nonprofit to make continuous progress towards the achievement of its mission and that those funds are allocated properly to reflect present needs and future potential.
- Formulate and execute comprehensive marketing, branding and development strategies that will ensure consistency throughout the organization and enhance revenue from major donors, foundations, government agencies, and corporations.

Strengthening infrastructure and operations

- Ensure the delivery of high-quality services while managing for current and future growth.
- Support

  and motivate the organization's staff.
- Facilitate cross-departmental collaboration and strengthen internal communications with staff throughout the organization; create and promote a positive, multicultural work environment that supports consistency throughout the organization's strategy, operational methods, and data collection needs.
- Oversee the financial status of the organization including developing long and short range financial plans, monitoring the budget and ensuring sound financial controls are in place; set financial priorities

- accurately to ensure the organization is operating in a manner that supports the needs of the program and staff.

Program Development

- Rationalize the delivery of programs through new and existing offices and partnerships.
- Increase efficiencies and consistency throughout the organization by developing and implementing standardized programs, services, and program office marketing.

Department of Homeland Security, Federal Protective Service | Tampa, FL
Commander (1/2010 to 10/2018)
Directed, led, and coordinated security systems, operations, and technologies designed to protect federal property and critical infrastructure. Developed work scopes, operational procedures, policies, and overall strategic planning for seamless integration of security activities. Investigated threats, performed threat assessments, and oversaw law enforcement operations. Managed budgets and performed periodic cost analysis.
Selected Contributions:

- **Served as principal point of collaboration on professional and operational matters** pertaining to homeland security's mission, goals, and objectives.
- Hone subject matter expertise to **earn multiple promotions and assignments to various security-related roles** including law enforcement instructor, curriculum and program manager, and criminal intelligence liaison.
- Created an intel sharing program that **spanned the state of Florida and earned adoption by the southeast region** of eight states from Kentucky to Florida.

Additional Experience:

- Civilian Police Officer, Department of Defense, Columbus Air Force Base Mississippi, 2008-2010
- Law Enforcement & Corrections Deputy, Lee County Sheriff's Office, 2006-2007
- Director of Operations – National Overwatch – Nonprofit/Public Safety Organization 2021 -2023
- Hold 3 executive board member roles within the international security industry standards organization ASIS (Steering committee, standards & practices chairman & critical infrastructure sub-committee)

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Relevant Training & Certifications:

- US ARMY MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL & BASIC TRAINING – 1999
- FEMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – 1999 - 2010
- US ARMY COMBAT LIFESAVER COURSE/CERTIFICATION (RECERTIFICATION EVERY 2 YEARS) – 2000
- US ARMY EUROPE NCO ACADEMY PRIMARY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE – 2002
- FLORIDA CORRECTIONS OFFICER ACADEMY/CERTIFICATION (TOP OF CLASS HONORS) – 2005
- FLORIDA CERTIFIED RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION – 2009
- VETERANS AFFAIRS LE TRAINING CENTER USAF POLICE OFFICER TRAINING COURSE (HONOR STUDENT) – 2009
- FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (FLETC) UNIFORMED POLICE ACADEMY (HIGHEST ACADEMICS AWARD) 2009
- FPS'S ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM – 2010
- DHS CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE – 2010
- FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR PILOT 2010/2014
- FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – 2011
- DHS PHYSICAL SECURITY ACADEMY – 2011
- COOK COUNTY BOMB SQUAD EXPLOSIVES RECOGNITION & BOMB THREAT MANAGEMENT FOR LE – 2012
- RISK ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2014
- FLETC LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM/CERTIFICATION – 2014
- FPS LAW ENFORCEMENT & PHYSICAL SECURITY SKILLS TRAINING – ANNUALLY
- DHS SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM EXPERT MARKSMAN/OPERATOR BADGE
- FPS LEGAL ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM – 2014
- FLETC/FPS FIELD TRAINING & EVALUATION INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM – 2014
- ARSON INVESTIGATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM 2024
- FLETC LEGAL & 4TH AMENDMENT UPDATES FOR FEDERAL LE - 2015
- FLORIDA FUSION CENTER INTELLIGENCE & EOC LIAISON OFFICER TRAINING/CERTIFICATION – 2015
- GOECELL CELL PHONE INVESTIGATIONS 2015
- FLETC LAW ENFORCEMENT TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - 2015
- NEW MEXICO TECH PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO SUICIDE BOMBING INCIDENTS PROGRAM & PERFORMANCE LEVEL TRAINING COURSE – 2015
- DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS - 2016
- FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FIRST RESPONDER CYBER INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING 2016
- CENTRAL FLORIDA HIDTA STATEMENT ANALYSIS – 2016
- FLETC INTELLIGENCE ANALYST TRAINING PROGRAM – 2017
- DHS INSIDER THREAT TRAINING PROGRAM 2017
- FLORIDA NOTARY PUBLIC – 2/18/2022
- MORTGAGE FIELD INSPECTION SERVICES INSPECTION CERTIFICATION – 2019
- ESSENTIALS OF SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM 2020
- WORKPLACE VIOLENCE ACROSS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PHASES 2020
- SECURING SECURITY TO THE C-SUITE – 2020
- HOSTILE SURVEILLANCE DETECTION TRAINING 2020
- CLOSING THE LAST PHYSICAL SECURITY GAP – 2020
- TWELVE OPERATIONAL SECURITY CORE AREAS THAT FIT ANY ORGANIZATION – 2020
- FLORIDA PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS AGENCY MANAGER LICENSE
- FL PRIVATE SCHOOL SECURITY SPECIALIST
- DOJ COPS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
- DOJ COPS SCHOOL INCIDENT COMMANDER

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AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AFFILIATIONS:

- ACTIVE ASIS MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
- ACTIVE ASIS ESSENTIALS OF RISK ASSESSMENT
- ASIS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
- ASIS INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER
- US CPTED ASSOCIATION MEMBER
- CERTIFIED PROTECTION PROFESSIONAL
- MEMBER OF FL ASSOCIATION OF LICENSED INVESTIGATORS
- PUBLISHED AUTHOR – SAFETY & SECURITY GUIDE ; A COMPREHENSIVE "HOW TO" GUIDE TO THREAT MITIGATION IN TODAY'S SOCIETY
- COPYRIGHT HOLDER
- SMALL BUSINESS OWNER
- CORP MANAGER & FOUNDING MEMBER OF A NON-PROFIT INVOLVED IN USING RISK MITIGATION TO REDUCE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

- VETERANS AFFAIRS LE TRAINING CENTER
- FLETC ACADEMIC AWARDS
- HONOR STUDENT COMMENDATION – 2009
- USAF 14TH SECURITY FORCES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXCELLENCE – 2009
- FL DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RECOGNITION FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2006
- DHS "UNSUNG HERO AWARD" FOR INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT – 2015
- FPS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION, INSPECTOR OF THE QUARTER – 2014
- EPA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY/EMERGENCY PROGRAMS SUPPORT – 2011

- ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL
- ARMY SERVICE RIBBON
- ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (AWARDED 2X) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL
- GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL USDB COMMANDANT'S COIN OF EXCELLENCE (AWARDED 2X)
- NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
- COA 705TH MP BN FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
- PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
- ARMY COA FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE
- ARMY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR SAFETY
- *SEVERAL GENERAL OFFICER'S RECOGNITION COINS FOR PERFORMANCE
- DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER SERVICE CROSS – 1996
- LCPA POLICE DEPARTMENT COA – 1998
- LCPA POLICE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE FOR HIGH ACADEMICS - 1996
- FPS PERFORMANCE AWARDS, 2010 – 2017 – FY17 PERFORMANCE RATING OF 5.0 (HIGHEST POSSIBLE RATING

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KEVIN MARTIN
UNIFORMED SECURITY CHIEF
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

SKILLS & ABILITIES

TRAINED EXECUTIVE PROTECTION, ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINED, DEFENSE & TACTIC INSTRUCTOR, BUILDING CLEARING, PCCT AND GAGE TRAINED, FIREARMS TRAINED, POLICE, FIRE, AND EMS DISPATCHER TRAINED. CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINED, ETHICS TRAINED, OC TRAINED, ASP TRAINED WICK LANDER TRAINED, CERTIFIED EMT, SECOND DEGREE BLACK BELT IN TANG SOO DO, ASIS MEMBER

EXPERIENCE

COLONIAL CONSULTANTS & NOTARY SERVICES LLC
12/2021- PRESENT
VICE PRESIDENT/OWNER
COUNSEL PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONS ON SECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES, SECURITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND SECURITY EMERGENCIES. PERFORM ASSESSMENTS, CONDUCT SURVEYS, AND ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY STANDARDS, DRIVING FOCUS ON THREAT MITIGATION AND PREVENTION. LEAD ORGANIZATION RESPONSE TO EVOLVING SECURITY ENVIRONMENT. OVERSEE THE IDENTIFICATION, SELECTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF OUTSOURCED SECURITY SERVICES. INVESTIGATE THREATS MADE AGAINST CLIENTS, EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT AND OTHER VIOLATIONS WHICH IMPACT THE SECURITY POSTURE OF MY CLIENTS. PROVIDE NOTARY SERVICES WITH TITLE ORGANIZATIONS, MORTGAGE COMPANIES, AND VENDORS.
SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS:
| LAUDED FOR PROMOTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF SECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT THAT UNDERPINS ORGANIZATIONS' CORE BUSINESS FUNCTIONS, EARNING RECOGNITION AS "BEST IN FLORIDA" CONSULTING FIRM IN 2022 & 2023.
| PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNIFORMED GUARD PROGRAM'S CREATION, DEVELOPMENT & APPLICATION.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
05/2016-7/2022
OFFICER
FUNCTIONED AS A DETENTION OFFICER IN A CITY JAIL, CLOSE MANAGEMENT CONFINEMENT FACILITY. DUTIES INCLUDED ACCOUNTABILITY, CUSTODY, AND CONTROL OF STATE PRISONERS, PREPARING REPORTS AND LOGS, ISSUING MEDICATIONS, RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR SECURITY CHECKS AND VARIOUS OTHER CORRECTIONS ACTIVITIES. INVOLVED IN DAILY INTERACTION WITH INMATES UP TO 80 AT A TIME. RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFUSING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS THROUGH INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS. TRANSFER COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL INMATES TO AND FROM COURT,

SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICE
03/2014-1/2016
ACCOUNT MANAGER
SUPERVISE THE DAY-TO-DAY SECURITY OPERATIONS OF AN ASSIGNED CLIENT SITE.
MANAGE A TEAM OF SECURITY OFFICERS, SITE AND SHIFT SUPERVISORS INCLUDING HIRING/SELECTION, SCHEDULING, PAYROLL, TRAINING, COACHING, DEVELOPMENT, AND SUPPORT.
ENSURE THE CLIENT SITE IS PROVIDED WITH HIGH QUALITY SECURITY SERVICES TO PROTECT PEOPLE AND PROPERTY.
BUILD, IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH CLIENTS AND EMPLOYEES.
COORDINATE NECESSARY SUPPORT SERVICES TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE CLIENT SITES TO MEET OR EXCEED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL GOALS AND PROVIDE QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE.
ENSURE ALL REQUIRED REPORTING AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

HANDLE ANY ESCALATED SECURITY ISSUES OR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS APPROPRIATELY.
OTHER MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AS DETERMINED BY CLIENT OR DISTRICT MANAGER

ST. CLAIR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
CORRECTIONS DEPUTY
05/2005-1/2014
FUNCTIONED AS A CORRECTIONS OFFICER IN A COUNTY JAIL, CLOSE MANAGEMENT CONFINEMENT FACILITY. DUTIES INCLUDED ACCOUNTABILITY, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF STATE PRISONERS, PREPARING REPORTS AND LOGS, ISSUING MEDICATIONS, RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR SECURITY CHECKS AND VARIOUS OTHER CORRECTIONS ACTIVITIES. INVOLVED IN DAILY INTERACTION WITH INMATES UP TO 80 AT A TIME. RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFUSING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS THROUGH INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS. TRANSFER COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL INMATES TO AND FROM COURT.

RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT
04/2003-10/2009
OFFICER/ DISPATCHER
PATROL ASSIGNED AREAS TO CHECK BUILDING SECURITY, ASSIST AND BACK-UP HAZARDOUS OR POTENTIAL CRIMINAL SITUATIONS.
ENFORCE VEHICLE OPERATION AND PARKING LAWS.
DIRECT TRAFFIC.
ANSWER CALLS INVOLVING FIRES, ACCIDENTS, AND VARIOUS MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES.
MAKE ARRESTS AND ISSUES CITATIONS.
GATHER PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AS RESPONDING OFFICER ON CRIMINAL CALLS, PREPARES RELEVANT REPORTS TO PASS THE INFORMATION GATHERED ON TO THE ASSIGNED INVESTIGATOR, ASSIST INVESTIGATOR IN CASE PREPARATION.
MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE ON CRIMINAL SUSPECTS
ESCORT PRISONERS AND SERVE WARRANTS.
COMPLETE REPORTS OF ARRESTS, ACCIDENTS, INTERVIEWS, AND EVIDENCE OF PROPERTY RECEIVED.
ATTEND TRAINING SESSIONS.
ACT AS TRAINER OF NEW PERSONNEL.
ASSIST IN CASE PREPARATION AS REQUIRED.
TESTIFY IN COURT. DISPATCH POLICE AND FIRE TO CALLS FOR SERVICE. WRITE REPORTS, RECEIVED

SAMUEL KRUG
EXECUTIVE PROTECTION TEAM COMMANDER

Professional Summary

Highly organized Security Specialist with a military background and extensive experience in Security Forces (SECFOR) operations, executive/VIP protection, and convoy operations. Demonstrated expertise in working with special operations units to execute complex security missions, including direct support to elite military teams in high-risk environments. Skilled in integrating advanced defense protocols, including Close Air Support (CAS), Close Combat Attack (CCA), and Quick Reaction Force operations. Proven success in mentoring and training personnel, enhancing organizational cohesion, and implementing risk management strategies.

Core Competencies

- Executive Protection & Risk Management
- Special Operations Unit Support
- Forward Operating Base Defense Strategies
- SECFOR Operations & Tactical Leadership
- Entry Control Point Management
- Convoy Operations & Security
- Law Enforcement & Threat Response Training
- Intelligence-Gathering & Analysis
- Emergency Trauma Medicine Training
- Team Development & Mentorship

Professional Experience

Owner – TYR Consulting Group
09/2023 – Present
- Provide expert consultation in executive protection, security operations, and risk management.
- Develop customized training programs for clients and peers in security and emergency protocols.

Executive Protection Program Manager – Colonial Consultants
02/2023 – Present
- Lead executive protection initiatives for high-profile clients, ensuring comprehensive security coverage.
- Develop and implement advanced risk assessment strategies and operational protocols.

Stateside Event/Executive Protection Security Specialist
07/2019 – 09/2023
- Delivered event security and executive protection services for clients across various industries.
- Conducted risk assessments and ensured seamless security operations during high-profile events.

Protective Security Specialist Shift Lead – Aegis LLC – Task Order 12, Kabul, Afghanistan
11/2016 – 07/2019
- Directed security operations for a high-threat environment, leading a team of specialists in Kabul
    - Oversaw static and roving guard posts, convoy operations, and response to emerging threats.

Protective Security Specialist – Aegis LLC – Task Order 12, Kabul, Afghanistan
03/2015 – 11/2016
- Conducted protective operations in support of diplomatic and government missions in Afghanistan.
- Trained personnel on security protocols, weapon systems, and emergency response techniques.

Military Service

United States Army
Dates of Service
- Collaborated with special operations units to provide tactical support during high-stakes missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Strengthened forward operating base defenses by integrating CAS, CCA, and Quick Reaction Force protocols.
- Conducted joint operations with special forces teams, including intelligence-gathering missions and direct-action operations.
- Planned and executed reactionary missions in response to IED, rocket, and suicide bomber threats.
- Trained Iraqi Army, Afghan National Army, and local police forces on small unit tactics, emergency trauma medicine, and weapon systems.

Training & Certifications

- Worldwide Protective Service – Protective Security Specialist / Shift Leader
- Joint Fires Observer Course
- Advanced Individual Training & Basic Leaders Course
- Law Enforcement Response to Active Shooter – Train the Trainer
- Precision Fires & Strike Software Courses
- State of Florida Armed Security License
- State of Florida Private Investigator License
- Threat Assessment Working Group Certification
- CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Training
- Emergency Manager (FLEOC)

Areas of Expertise

- Providing direct support to special operations units in dynamic, high-threat environments.
- Establishing and managing entry control points, static and roving guard posts, and traffic control inspection points.
- Federal Narcotics Task Force Special Advisor and Senior Risk Manager.
- Developing and implementing training standards for law enforcement active threat response.
- Coordinating intelligence and presence patrols in high-risk environments.

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CONTRACT FOR LICENSED INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

1. PARTIES: THIS CONTRACT MADE AND ENTERED INTO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20__ BY AND BETWEEN THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT CLIENT)(S) HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "CLIENT(S)" WHOSE ADDRESS IS 17429 NW 242ND ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL, 34972, AND COLONIAL CONSULTANTS, A LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY AGENCY, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ("AGENCY"), FOR INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES AS SET FORTH MORE FULLY IN PARAGRAPH THREE (3) TITLED SCOPE OF SERVICES.

2. DURATION OF AGREEMENT:

   THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY SHALL COMMENCE ON _____. AND WILL BE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON EXECUTION AND PAYMENT OF ANY RETAINERS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED. THIS CONTRACT SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT CONTEMPLATED HEREIN OR UNTIL CANCELLED OR TERMINATED IN A MANNER PROSCRIBED BY THE CONTRACT. THE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT SEVERAL COUNTIES IN FLORIDA.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES:
   THE AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE CLIENT THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:
   COLONIAL CONSULTANTS SHALL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INTO ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, ITS EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS DURING A SELECTED TIME PERIOD, THIS WILL INCLUDE ACCOUNTABILITY OF ASSETS, A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL ACCOUNTING AND A COMPLETE CYBER INVESTIGATION, ALL FACETS OF THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE SUPERVISED AND COORDINATED BY OUR SENIOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, EXPERIENCED IN COMBINING DIFFERENT TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO A COMPLETE PICTURE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/WRONGDOING. THE FINDINGS WILL BE PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.
   DUE TO THREATS, INTIMIDATION & AGGRESSIVE ACTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE SUSPECTS IN THIS CASE WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THE DEPLOYMENT OF OUR EXECUTIVE PROTECTION PERSONNEL &/OR PROTECTIVE SECURITY OFFICERS AT THE INITIAL ONSET OF THE INVESTIGATION IN PREPARATION FOR AN INCREASED THREAT AGAINST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS WELL AS DISTRICT PERSONNEL. THIS PROTECTIVE SERVICE CAN BE SCALED DOWN OR INCREASED TO MEET THE CLIENTS NEEDS.

4. CHARGES FOR SERVICES:
   THE CLIENT AGREES TO PAY THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS: THE HOURLY FEE FOR THE AGENCY'S SERVICES IS $75.00 PER HOUR PER INVESTIGATOR/EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICES AGENT, $125 PER HOUR FOR A SUPERVISORY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR & THREAT/RISK MANAGER; $75 PER HOUR FOR ATTENDANCE AT TRIAL OR DEPOSITION TESTIMONY. CLIENT ALSO AGREED TO REIMBURSE AGENCY $0.70 PER MILE FOR SERVICES PERSONALLY PERFORMED PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT. RATES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SERVICES OR EXPENSES THAT MAY BE NEEDED DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SPECIFIED INVESTIGATION, SUCH AS SKIP TRACING, GPS OR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES, HOTEL CHARGES, MEAL CHARGES DATABASE CHARGES, ETC. WILL BE DETAILED IN THE CHARGES.
   A. THE HOURLY RATE SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE RETAINER UNTIL THE RETAINER IS DEPLETED. THE RETAINER OF $18,000.00 IF CLIENT ELECTS TO ACCEPT

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RECOMMENDED PROTECTIVE SERVICES OR $10,000.00 IF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES ONLY ARE SELECTED. WHEN THE RETAINER IS DEPLETED, THE AGENCY SHALL, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, ASSESS A NEW RETAINER, CONTINUE TO BILL AT THE SET HOURLY RATE, OR DISCONTINUE SERVICES.

B. IF THERE ARE ANY UNUSED FUNDS IN THE RETAINER AFTER THE AGENCY HAS COMPLETED THEIR INVESTIGATION AS DIRECTED BY THE CLIENT, THE UNUSED RETAINER AMOUNT WILL BE REIMBURSED WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER THE FINAL REPORT IS COMPLETED AND RELEASED TO THE CLIENT.

C.CLIENT SHALL REIMBURSE AGENCY FOR ALL REASONABLE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES INCURRED BY AGENCY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPENSES, COURIER SERVICES, MILEAGE CHARGES OR CASE RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES. SHOULD ANY SUCH OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES BE INCURRED BY A SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE AGENCY UNDER THIS CONTRACT BE PASSED ONTO AGENCY, THE CLIENT SHALL REIMBURSE THE AGENCY FOR THESE EXPENSES AS WELL

D. IF THE CLIENT IS PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, THE CLIENT WILL SIGN HIS/HER NAME, THE TITLE OR CAPACITY IN WHICH HE/SHE IS SIGNING THE CONTRACT.

5.BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES:

A. FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER A RETAINER PAID UNDER THIS CONTRACT, AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT STATEMENTS TO CLIENT NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY.

B. FOR SERVICES TO BE BILLED UNDER THIS CONTRACT, THE AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT INVOICES TO CLIENT NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY.

C. CLIENT SHALL PAY THE INVOICES SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY IN FULL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RECEIPT. IF THE CLIENT DOES NOT PAY THE INVOICE IN FULL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS, CLIENT AGREES TO PAY 10 % IN INTEREST COMPOUNDED MONTHLY UNTIL THE INVOICE IS PAID IN FULL.

D. NON-PAYMENT OF FEES DUE TO AGENCY WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS, FROM THE DATE OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF BILLING, WILL AUTOMATICALLY CANCEL THE REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT AND PLACE CLIENT(S) IN BREACH THEREOF. IF CLIENT(S) DEFAULTS FOR NON-PAYMENT AGENCY HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S COSTS AND FEES FROM THE COURT. IN THE EVENT THAT CLIENT(S)BREACHES THE CONTRACT THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ATTORNEY'S COSTS AND FEES FOR HAVING TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION TO COLLECT THE FEES.

6.REPORTING

UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED NOT TO BY CLIENT, THE AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT OR AN UPDATED REPORT. THE AGENCY AND CLIENT AGREE THAT THE FINAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND PRESENTED IN PERSON TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRIOR TO PROCEEDING FORWARD WITH CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. SUBSEQUENT UPDATED OR FINAL REPORTS WILL BE SENT AFTER ALL UNPAID CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID BY CLIENT. UPON RECEIPT OF UNPAID CHARGES AGENCY WILL RELEASE AND DELIVER ALL REPORTS TO CLIENT. THE AGENCY SHALL KEEP ALL REPORTS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 493.6119.

7.COMMUNICATION WITH CLIENT

THE AGENCY SHALL KEEP THE CLIENT REASONABLY INFORMED ABOUT THE STATUS OF A MATTER. THE AGENCY SHALL PROMPTLY COMPLY WITH REASONABLE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE CLIENT.

8. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

A. CLIENT MAY TERMINATE OR CANCEL THIS CONTRACT AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON BY GIVING TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS WRITTEN NOTICE TO AGENCY.

B. AGENCY MAY TERMINATE OR CANCEL THIS CONTRACT AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON BY GIVING TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS WRITTEN NOTICE TO CLIENT.

C. IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION OF THIS CONTRACT BY EITHER PARTY FOR ANY REASON, CLIENT SHALL PAY AGENCY FOR ALL SERVICES RENDERED UNDER THIS CONTRACT UP TO AND INCLUDING THE DATE OF CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION IS TO TAKE EFFECT.

9. NON-GUARANTEE

AGENCY AGREES TO USE ITS BEST EFFORTS IN THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION AGREED UPON IN THIS CONTRACT. HOWEVER, AGENCY CANNOT GUARANTEE THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION.

10. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

CLIENT SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGENCY AND ANY AGENCY SUBCONTRACTORS, EXPERTS OR ENTITIES FROM ANY AND ALL TYPES OF ACTIONS, CLAIMS, OR LITIGATION THAT MIGHT ARISE FROM ANY ACTION TAKE OR OPINION RENDERED AS A RESULT OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS CONTRACT. SHOULD ANY SUCH ACTIONS, CLAIMS OR LITIGATION BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE AGENCY OR ANY AGENCY SUBCONTRACTORS, EXPERTS OR ENTITIES, CLIENT AGREES TO PAY ANY AND ALL LEGAL FEES, INCLUDING RELATED COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 493.6119, AGENCY AGREES THAT ALL RECORDS AND REPORTS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL MAINTAIN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY TO ALL INFORMATION THAT RELATED TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE CLIENT TO COMPLY WITH THE STATUTE.

12. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

A. THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

B. IF ANY PART OF THIS CONTRACT IS FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL OR UNENFORCEABLE, BOTH PARTIES AGREE THAT THE REMAINING TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT WILL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND, THAT ALL THE TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO PROVIDE FULL ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONTRACT.

C. THE RULE OF CONSTRUCTION THAT AMBIGUITIES WILL BE RESOLVED AGAINST THE DRAFTING PARTY SHALL NOT APPLY IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THIS CONTRACT.

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D. THIS CONTRACT REPRESENTS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS WHETHER ORAL OR OTHERWISE, ARE MERGED INTO THIS CONTRACT.

E. THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE BINDING ON THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES.

F. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE. CLIENT CONSENTS TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND VENUE, FOR ANY ACTION BROUGHT BY AGENCY ARISING OUT OF A BREACH OF CONTRACT OR THREATED BREACH OF CONTRACT OF THIS CONTRACT, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, OR IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. CLIENT AGREES THAT ANY ACTION ARISING UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR OUT OF THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BY THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY AND EXCLUSIVELY IN THE TWO REFERENCED COURTS.

G. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. CLIENT AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR OUT OF THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BY THIS CONTRACT WOULD INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT FACTUAL AND LEGAL ISSUES AND THAT, THEREFORE, ANY ACTION BROUGHT BY EITHER PARTY, ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH OTHERS, AGAINST AGENCY, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF THIS CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE SITTING WITHOUT A JURY.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

CLIENT AGREES THAT THE CONTRACT IS BINDING AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, THE CLIENT CERTIFIES THAT HE/SHE HAS THOROUGHLY EXAMINED AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE AGREEMENT. THE CLIENT AGREES THAT THE STATEMENT OF TERMS IN THIS CONTRACT IS VALID, WHETHER THE CONTRACT IS FAXED, EMAILED OR OTHERWISE COPIES THAT CARRY THE SAME WEIGHT AND VALIDITY AS AN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT.

14. DISCLAIMER AND ADDENDUMS

CLIENT MUST CERTIFY (BY INITIALS) EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

A. THERE ARE NO RESTRAINING ORDER OR PROTECTION ORDER AGAINST ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (CLIENT) FOR THE SUSPECTS/TARGETS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.
JH INITIAL HERE

B. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CHARGE OF STALKING OR AGGRAVATED STALKING CHARGES AGAINST ANY OF THE PERSONNEL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. (CLIENT) JH INITIAL HERE

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EXECUTED THIS 28 DAY OF Jan, 2025 BY

CHRIS J VASCONCELLOS CPP
PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
COLONIAL CONSULTANTS

SIGN HERE

CLIENT SIGNATURES

KASEY L EDWARDS
Notary Public, State Of Florida
Commission No. HH 339161
My Commission Expires: 12/26/2025

January 28th 2025

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E. THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE BINDING ON THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES.

F. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE. CLIENT CONSENTS TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND VENUE, FOR ANY ACTION BROUGHT BY AGENCY ARISING OUT OF A BREACH OF CONTRACT OR THREATED BREACH OF CONTRACT OF THIS CONTRACT, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, OR IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. CLIENT AGREES THAT ANY ACTION ARISING UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR OUT OF THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BY THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY AND EXCLUSIVELY IN THE TWO REFERENCED COURTS.

G. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. CLIENT AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS CONTRACT OR OUT OF THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BY THIS CONTRACT WOULD INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT FACTUAL AND LEGAL ISSUES AND THAT, THEREFORE, ANY ACTION BROUGHT BY EITHER PARTY, ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH OTHERS, AGAINST AGENCY, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF THIS CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE SITTING WITHOUT A JURY.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

CLIENT AGREES THAT THE CONTRACT IS BINDING AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, THE CLIENT CERTIFIES THAT HE/SHE HAS THOROUGHLY EXAMINED AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE AGREEMENT. THE CLIENT AGREES THAT THE STATEMENT OF TERMS IN THIS CONTRACT IS VALID, WHETHER THE CONTRACT IS FAXED, EMAILED OR OTHERWISE COPIES THAT CARRY THE SAME WEIGHT AND VALIDITY AS AN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT.

14. DISCLAIMER AND ADDENDUMS

CLIENT MUST CERTIFY (BY INITIALS) EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

A. THERE ARE NO RESTRAINING ORDER OR PROTECTION ORDER AGAINST ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (CLIENT) FOR THE SUSPECTS/TARGETS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

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B. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CHARGE OF STALKING OR AGGRAVATED STALKING CHARGES AGAINST ANY OF THE PERSONNEL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. (CLIENT) TS INITIAL HERE

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

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COLONIAL CONSULTANTS
WHEN THERE IS NO MARGIN FOR ERROR
1(888)491-2119
CASES@MYCONS.NET

EXECUTED THIS 28 DAY OF Jan, 2025 BY

CHRIS J VASCONCELLOS CPP
PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
COLONIAL CONSULTANTS

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CLIENT SIGNATURES

KASEY L EDWARDS
Notary Public, State Of Florida
Commission No. HH 339161
My Commission Expires: 12/26/2025

Kasey L Edwards
January 28th 2025

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D. This Contract represents the entire agreement between the parties and all other agreements whether oral or otherwise, are merged into this Contract.

E. This Contract shall be binding on the heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the respective parties.

F. Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue. CLIENT consents to personal jurisdiction and venue, for any action brought by AGENCY arising out of a breach of contract or threated breach of contract of this Contract, in the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee County, or in the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida. CLIENT agrees that any action arising under this Contract or out of the relationship established by this Contract shall be brought only and exclusively in the two referenced courts.

G. Waiver of Jury Trial. CLIENT agrees that any controversy which may arise under this Contract or out of the relationship established by this Contract would involve complicated and difficult factual and legal issues and that, therefore, any action brought by either party, alone or in combination with others, against AGENCY, whether arising out of this Contract or otherwise, shall be determined by a Judge sitting without a jury.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

CLIENT agrees that the Contract is binding and that by signing this Contract, the CLIENT certifies that he/she has thoroughly examined and fully understand the agreement. The CLIENT agrees that the statement of terms in this Contract is valid, whether the Contract is faxed, emailed or otherwise copies that carry the same weight and validity as an original document.

14. DISCLAIMER and ADDENDUMS

CLIENT must certify (by initials) each of the following statements:

A. There are no restraining order or protection order against any of the Members of the Board of Supervisors (CLIENT) for the suspects/targets of this investigation.

_____ INITIAL HERE

B. There has never been a charge of stalking or aggravated stalking charges against any of the personnel on the board of supervisors. (CLIENT) INITIAL HERE

Signature Page Follows

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EXECUTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025 BY

CHRIS J VASCONCELLOS CPP
PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
COLONIAL CONSULTANTS

SIGN HERE

CLIENT SIGNATURES

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COLONIAL CONSULTANTS

LIMITED POA PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR KEY ACTIONS

CLIENTS RECEIVING PROTECTIVE, CONSULTING OR INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES MAY CALL OUR SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, 24/7 SECURITY DISPATCH, TO REPORT ISSUES OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
1(888)491-2119, X 100
CASES@MYCCNS.NET

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FLORIDA LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

I. **THE PARTIES**. This Florida Limited Power of Attorney ("Power of Attorney") created on the undersigned date, is between the following:

> **PRINCIPAL**: The Coquina Water Control District ("Principal") with a mailing address of 242nd St, Okeechobee, FL, 34972 do hereby grant a limited and specific powers to:
>
> **AGENT**: Officers and Agents of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, a Florida Corporation ("Agent") who shall have the full power and authority to undertake and perform the following acts mentioned in this Power of Attorney.

II. **THE POWERS**. The Principal authorizes the Agent to handle the following actions on their behalf: ***Conduct Investigations, Audits & Protective Measures to identify misconduct, criminal acts, bring perpetrators to justice, recover/take possession of stolen or otherwise improperly possessed assets/property belonging to the Principal as well as taking immediate action to defend personnel and property of the Coquina Water Control District in accordance with the District's Statutory Authority while performing services under an executed contract.***

The authority granted herein shall include such incidental acts as are reasonably required to carry out the aforementioned powers given by the Principal. The Agent certifies and accepts this appointment subject to its terms and agrees to act and perform in said fiduciary capacity consistent with the Principal's best interest.

III. **EFFECTIVE DATE**. This Power of Attorney shall become effective: (check one)

> ☐ - Immediately.
>
> ☐ - on the date of _____, 20____.

IV. **TERMINATION**. This Power of Attorney shall terminate: (check all that apply)

> ☐ - When the above-referenced powers and responsibilities have been completed by the Agent.
>
> ☐ - By the Principal authorizing a revocation that references this document.
>
> ☐ - On the date of _____, 20____.

In addition to the aforementioned termination conditions, this Power of Attorney shall be automatically revoked upon the dead or incapacitation of the Principal, provided any

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person relying on this document shall have the full rights to accept and reply upon the authority of the Agent until in receipt of actual notice of revocation.

V. GOVERNING LAW. This Power of Attorney shall be governed under the laws located in the State of Florida.

VI. EXECUTION. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Members of the Board of Supervisors (a total of 03 *three* members), the Principal, have executed this Power of Attorney on JAN 28, 2025.

Principal's Signature

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STATE OF Florida,

Okeechobee County, ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this January 28th, 2025, by Jeffrey Hubbard of The Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors, a Florida Statutory District, on behalf of the District. Which are personally known to me or who has produced Drivers License as identification.

KASEY L EDWARDS
Notary Public, State Of Florida
Commission No. HH 339161
My Commission Expires: 12/26/2025

Notary Public

My commission expires: December 26th, 2025

SPECIMEN SIGNATURE AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Christian J Vasconcellos, President & Principal Investigator of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, the Agent named above, hereby accept appointment as Agent in accordance with the foregoing instrument.

Agent's Signature

STATE OF _____,

_____ County, ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____, 20____, by Christian J Vasconcellos, of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, A Florida Corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20____

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FLORIDA LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

I. THE PARTIES. This Florida Limited Power of Attorney ("Power of Attorney") created on the undersigned date, is between the following:

PRINCIPAL: The Coquina Water Control District ("Principal") with a mailing address of 242nd St, Okeechobee, FL, 34972 do hereby grant a limited and specific powers to:

AGENT: Officers and Agents of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, a Florida Corporation ("Agent") who shall have the full power and authority to undertake and perform the following acts mentioned in this Power of Attorney.

II. THE POWERS. The Principal authorizes the Agent to handle the following actions on their behalf: ***Conduct Investigations, Audits & Protective Measures to identify misconduct, criminal acts, bring perpetrators to justice, recover/take possession of stolen or otherwise improperly possessed assets/property belonging to the Principal as well as taking immediate action to defend personnel and property of the Coquina Water Control District in accordance with the District's Statutory Authority while performing services under an executed contract.***

The authority granted herein shall include such incidental acts as are reasonably required to carry out the aforementioned powers given by the Principal. The Agent certifies and accepts this appointment subject to its terms and agrees to act and perform in said fiduciary capacity consistent with the Principal's best interest.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Power of Attorney shall become effective: (check one)

☐ - Immediately.

☐ - on the date of _____, 20____.

IV. TERMINATION. This Power of Attorney shall terminate: (check all that apply)

☐ - When the above-referenced powers and responsibilities have been completed by the Agent.

☐ - By the Principal authorizing a revocation that references this document.

☐ - On the date of _____, 20____.

In addition to the aforementioned termination conditions, this Power of Attorney shall be automatically revoked upon the dead or incapacitation of the Principal, provided any

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person relying on this document shall have the full rights to accept and reply upon the authority of the Agent until in receipt of actual notice of revocation.

V. GOVERNING LAW. This Power of Attorney shall be governed under the laws located in the State of Florida.

VI. EXECUTION. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Members of the Board of Supervisors (a total of 03 *three* members), the Principal, have executed this Power of Attorney on Jan 28, 20 25.

Yaya Schmaltz

Principal's Signature

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STATE OF Florida,

Okeechobee County, ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this January 28th, 2025, by Tonya Schumacher of The Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors, a Florida Statutory District, on behalf of the District. Which are personally known to me or who has produced Drivers License as identification.

KASEY L EDWARDS
Notary Public, State Of Florida
Commission No. HH 339161
My Commission Expires: 12/26/2025

Kasey Edwards
Notary Public

My commission expires: December 26th, 2025

SPECIMEN SIGNATURE AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Christian J Vasconcellos, President & Principal Investigator of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, the Agent named above, hereby accept appointment as Agent in accordance with the foregoing instrument.

_____
Agent's Signature

STATE OF _____,

_____ County, ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____, 20____, by Christian J Vasconcellos, of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, A Florida Corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

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Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20____

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FLORIDA LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

I. **THE PARTIES**. This Florida Limited Power of Attorney ("Power of Attorney") created on the undersigned date, is between the following:

> **PRINCIPAL**: The Coquina Water Control District ("Principal") with a mailing address of 242nd St, Okeechobee, FL, 34972 do hereby grant a limited and specific powers to:
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> **AGENT**: Officers and Agents of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, a Florida Corporation ("Agent") who shall have the full power and authority to undertake and perform the following acts mentioned in this Power of Attorney.

II. THE POWERS. The Principal authorizes the Agent to handle the following actions on their behalf: ***Conduct Investigations, Audits & Protective Measures to identify misconduct, criminal acts, bring perpetrators to justice, recover/take possession of stolen or otherwise improperly possessed assets/property belonging to the Principal as well as taking immediate action to defend personnel and property of the Coquina Water Control District in accordance with the District's Statutory Authority while performing services under an executed contract.***

The authority granted herein shall include such incidental acts as are reasonably required to carry out the aforementioned powers given by the Principal. The Agent certifies and accepts this appointment subject to its terms and agrees to act and perform in said fiduciary capacity consistent with the Principal's best interest.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Power of Attorney shall become effective: (check one)

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> ☐ - on the date of _____, 20____.

IV. TERMINATION. This Power of Attorney shall terminate: (check all that apply)

> ☐ - When the above-referenced powers and responsibilities have been completed by the Agent.
>
> ☐ - By the Principal authorizing a revocation that references this document.
>
> ☐ - On the date of _____, 20____.

In addition to the aforementioned termination conditions, this Power of Attorney shall be automatically revoked upon the dead or incapacitation of the Principal, provided any

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person relying on this document shall have the full rights to accept and reply upon the authority of the Agent until in receipt of actual notice of revocation.

V. GOVERNING LAW. This Power of Attorney shall be governed under the laws located in the State of Florida.

VI. EXECUTION. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Members of the Board of Supervisors (a total of 03 *three* members), the Principal, have executed this Power of Attorney on _____, 20____.

_____

Principal's Signature

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STATE OF _____,

_____ County, ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____, 20____, by _____ of The Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors, a Florida Statutory District, on behalf of the District. Which are personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

_____
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20____

SPECIMEN SIGNATURE AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Christian J Vasconcellos, President & Principal Investigator of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, the Agent named above, hereby accept appointment as Agent in accordance with the foregoing instrument.

_____
Agent's Signature

STATE OF _____,

_____ County, ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____, 20____, by Christian J Vasconcellos, of Colonial Consultants & Notary Services DBA Colonial Consultants, A Florida Corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

_____
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20____

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EXHIBIT E

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INVOICE

Colonial Consultants & Notary Services LLC
Colonial Consultants & Notary Services LLC DBA
Colonial Consultants
12500 Cold Stream Dr Apt 303
Fort Myers, FL 33912
(888) 491-2119

Coquina Water Control District
17429 NW 242nd St
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Invoice #:	1111113
Reference:	240921A
Invoice Date:	1/31/2025
Due Date:	1/31/2025
Payment Terms:	Due On Receipt

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
Investigative/Protective Service Retainer	1.00	$18,000.00	$18,000.00

Comments
Sent per Tonya



SUBTOTAL:	$18,000.00
SALES TAX:	$0.00
TOTAL:	$18,000.00
BALANCE DUE:	$18,000.00

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From: **Jessica Dakin** <jessica77dakin@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 7, 2025 at 2:13 PM
Subject:
To: Jessica Dakin <jessica77dakin@gmail.com>

3/11/2025 3:26 PM
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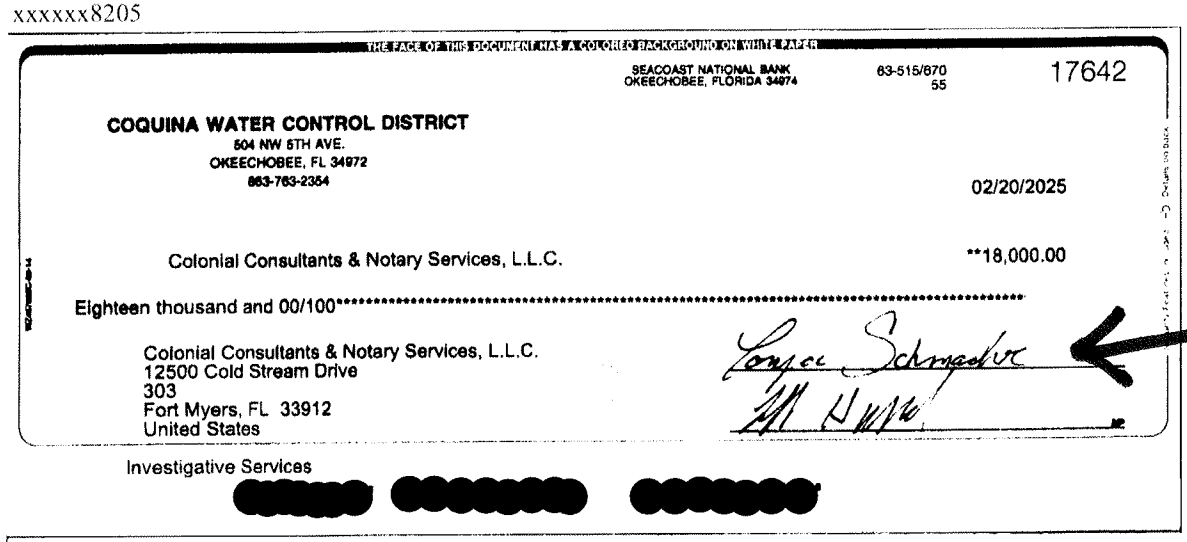

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OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974

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COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
504 NW 5TH AVE.
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
863-763-2354

02/20/2025

Colonial Consultants & Notary Services, L.L.C. **18,000.00

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Colonial Consultants & Notary Services, L.L.C.
12500 Cold Stream Drive
303
Fort Myers, FL 33912
United States

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Investigative Services
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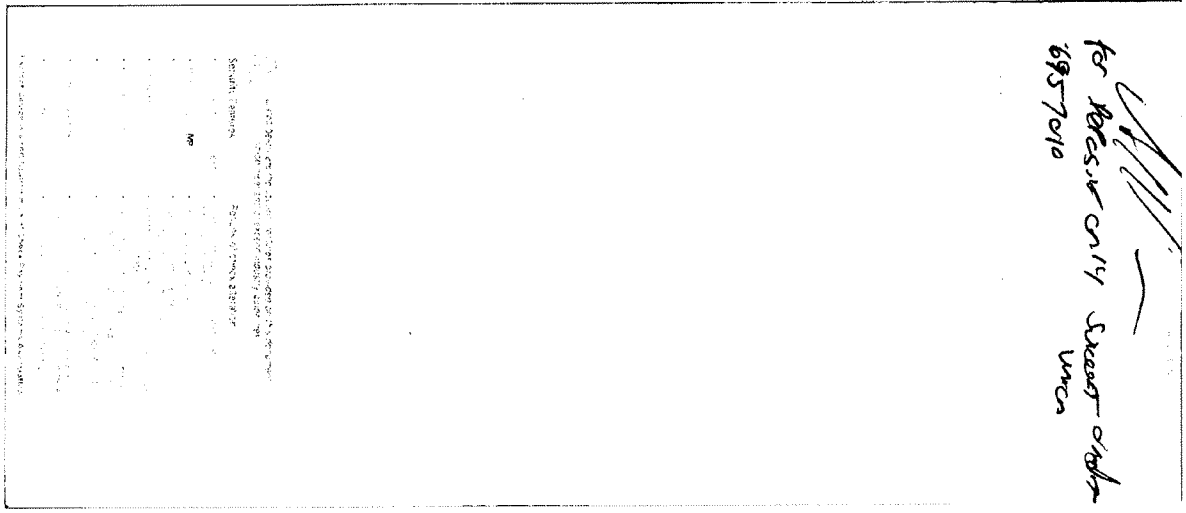

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Status: Posted

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INVOICE

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Date: Dec 16, 2024

Due Date: Dec 20, 2024

PO Number: ok01

Balance Due: **$0.00**

Colonial Consultants
9643 SW 51st Cir
Ocala, FL 34476
888-491-2119 Main Office
kmartin@myccns.net
cvasconcellos@myccns.net
www.myccns.net

Bill To:

Tonya Schumacher

Item	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Personal Security Services for Tonya Schumacher at Coquina Water Control District Board Meeting October 2024	1	$150.00	$150.00
Personal Security Services for Tonya Schumacher at Coquina Water Control District Board Meeting 11/14/24	1	$450.00	$450.00
Personal Security Services for Tonya Schumacher at Coquina Water Control District Board Meeting 12/12/24	1	$100.00	$100.00

Total: $700.00

Amount Paid: $700.00

Notes:

Thank you! We truly value our partnership with Tonya Schumacher and appreciate your continued support. It's always a pleasure working with you.

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